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The Assassination of Abraham Lincoln

Was the greatest tragedy the world has ever known. It excels Shakespeare's greatest production, and took out of the world one who did no wrong, but was worthy to receive, and did receive the plaudits of the whole world.

The assassin, J. Wilkes Booth, was at one time an actor but strong drink had trampled him in the dust and crazed by a full glass of brandy, taken one minute before he fired the fatal shot, left him without a respectable sympathizer on the face of the globe.

There is nothing on the lecture platform of our day that equals Doctor Bancroft's vivid reproduction and description of the scenes of Mr. Lincoln's death and funeral. He also describes the pursuit and capture of the assassin.

He was present at Mr. Lincoln's first inauguration. Heard nearly all the farewell speeches of the Southern members of Congress, as fast as their legislatures passed the ordinance of secession. He was a member of a volunteer Company of one hundred and ten **Kansas** men who served as a body guard to Mr. Lincoln before any troops arrived in Washington. They were called the **Frontier Guards quartered in the White House,** and slept on the velvet carpet in the big East room. Senator James H. Lane was its Captain, and on the arrival of troops in Washington, the members of this Company were granted a discharge signed by Mr. Lincoln and James H. Lane, its Captain.

The only compensation this Company ever received for their services was the conciousness of having saved the Capitol from the Confederates, and the discharges that are still held by the members of this Company. Senator Plumb, of Kansas, before he died, introduced a resolution in the Senate to give the members some sort of recognition, but his death seems to have put an end to it.

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Lecturer on the World's Greatest Tragedy.

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was present in Ford's Tenth Street Theatre in Washington, D. C., on the night of the assassination, and will tell the story as he saw it.

Dr. Bancroft was also present when the Vermont boy (then a soldier), was pardoned by Mr. Lincoln, while he was sitting on his coffin looking at the firing squad, with guns loaded, ready to carry out the orders of the court martial that sentenced him to be shot to death for sleeping on guard duty.

Dr. Bancroft assisted in removing Mr. Lincoln from the theater. He saw a drop of Mr. Lincoln's life blood fall from the back of his head and strike a piece of the house program at his feet. He picked it up and carefully preserved it as a souvenir, until January 18th, 1901, when he presented it to the Kansas State Historical Society at Topeka, Kansas. He kept a copy of this great souvenir. **Persons receiving this souvenir should preserve it,** for the time will come when its cash value will be worth while. The original could not be purchased today for $50,000.00.

Only a few persons are now living who saw the assassination of Mr. Lincoln.

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